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With the exception of U.S. patents, a copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached. The International Search Report for PCT/EP2003/011017, filed December 10, 2003 is also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is provided as follows:

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DE 19940023 corresponds to CA 2,383,030; EP 1116733 corresponds to U.S. patent application 2001029287; EP 904 779 corresponds to U.S. 5,882,677; and WO 02/49557 A corresponds to U.S. patent application 2002114776.

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